

Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Fresh Plums and Prunes¹

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GRADES

§51.1520 U.S. Fancy.

“U.S. Fancy” consists of plums or prunes of one variety which are well formed, clean, mature but not overripe or soft or shriveled; which are free from decay, sunscald, heat injury, sunburn, split pits and hail marks, and free from damage caused by broken skins, growth cracks, drought spots, gum spots, russetting, scars, other disease, insects or mechanical or other means.

(a) Italian type prunes shall be well colored and, unless otherwise specified, shall be not less than 1¼ inches in diameter. (See §51.1525.)

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§51.1521 U.S. No. 1.

“U.S. No. 1” consists of plums or prunes of one variety which are well formed, clean, mature but not overripe or soft or shriveled; which are free from decay and sunscald, and free from damage caused by broken skins, heat injury, growth cracks, sunburn, split pits, hail marks, drought spots, gum spots, russetting, scars, other disease, insects or mechanical or other means.

(a) Italian type prunes shall be fairly well colored and, unless otherwise specified, shall be not less than 1¼ inches in diameter. (See §51.1525.)

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¹Packing of the product in conformity with the requirements of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or with applicable State laws and regulations.

§51.1522 U.S. Combination.

“U.S. Combination” consists of a combination of U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 plums or prunes: *Provided*, That at least 75 percent, by count, meet the requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade. (See §51.1525.)

§51.1523 U.S. No. 2.

“U.S. No. 2” consists of plums, or prunes of one variety which are not badly misshapen, which are clean, mature but not overripe or soft or shriveled; which are free from decay and sunscald, and free from serious damage caused by broken skins, heat injury, growth cracks, sunburn, split pits, hail marks, drought spots, gum spots, russetting, scars, other disease, insects or mechanical or other means. (See §51.1525.)

UNCLASSIFIED

§51.1524 Unclassified.

“Unclassified” consists of plums or prunes which have not been classified in accordance with any of the foregoing grades. The term “unclassified” is not a grade within the meaning of these standards but is provided as a designation to show that no grade has been applied to the lot.

TOLERANCES

§51.1525 Tolerances.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling in each of the foregoing grades, the following tolerances, by count, are provided as specified:

(a) *U.S. Fancy and U.S. No. 1*—(1) *For defects of plums or prunes other than Italian type prunes at shipping point.*² 8 percent for fruit which fails to meet the requirements of the specified grade: *Provided*, That included in this amount not more than 4 percent shall be allowed for defects causing serious damage, including in this latter

²Shipping point, as used in these standards, means the point of origin of the shipment in the producing area or at port of loading for ship stores or overseas shipment, or, in the case of shipments from outside the continental United States, the port of entry into the United States.